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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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In regard to the above identified application:

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 - B. Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement
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 - D. Cited References
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LETTER RE INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

The accompanying Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted after the mailing of the First Official Action in the above-referenced case. Therefore, a check for \$180.00 required by the filing of this paper is attached.

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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97-1.98, applicants wish to make the following references of record in the above-identified application. These references may be material to the Examiner's consideration of the presently pending claims. Copies of the references cited below are enclosed along with a completed Form-SB08.

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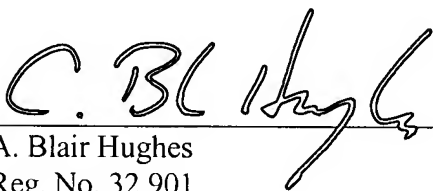
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